GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:55
ANSWERED ON:16.11.2016
Gauge Conversion and New Lines
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have conducted any survey for laying new rail lines and gauge conversion of old ones and electrification of such lines in various States including Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the location-wise details of length of new railway lines to be laid and length of lines for gauge conversion and electrification in various States including Uttar Pradesh;

(c) the plan of Government for laying new lines, gauge conversion and electrification in the current financial year; and

(d) whether the Railways propose to lay dedicated freight corridors and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 55 BY SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.11.2016 REGARDING GAUGE CONVERSION AND NEW LINES

(a): Since railway projects generally straddle over more than one State, these are neither surveyed nor sanctioned State-wise. Survey for new lines, gauge conversion of Meter Gauge lines to Broad Gauge and Railway Electrification of these lines is a continuous and ongoing process of Indian Railways and are done based on demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives & Railway's own requirement. Based on the outcome of the survey projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

(b): In last three years and current financial year, surveys for 176 New Line and 8 Gauge Conversion surveys have been completed throughout the country including that of State of Uttar Pradesh. Out of these, 11 nos. of new line projects and 1 no. of Gauge Conversion project have been included in Budget/sanctioned & electrification of such lines depends upon operational requirement & financial remunerativeness. As on 01.04.2016, a total of 166 ongoing New Lines, 39 Gauge Conversion projects spread across the country including the State of Uttar Pradesh have been taken up. Details of the projects are available in Pink Book laid on the Table of the House alongwith Budget papers on 25.02.2016.

(c): Target length of various Railway Projects for introduction of passenger/freight services over is fixed on annual basis. For 2016-17, target of 2800 Km section for introduction of Passenger/Freight services has been fixed and for Electrification, a target of 2000 Kms has been fixed.

(d): Two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC) viz. Eastern Corridor (Dankuni-Ludhiana, 1856 Km) and the Western Corridor (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal/JNPT-Dadri, 1504 Km) have been taken up.

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